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G.P.O.
Date.
1912
19 Jan.
at previous Paper.
L.O.
40939

Aden-Zanzibar Mail Service

States further as to Contract about to expire. Before taking any further steps, will consider whether a useful opening is not now given by the change of management for a renewal of negotiations for a contract service by the E. Afr. Steamers of Union Castle Co.

Sir G. Fiddes.

We can only wait & see whether the G.P.O. can make anything out of the change of management of the Union Castle Co.

In the meantime, the Govt. might have a copy of G.P.O. 40939 & our reply, and this be in a conf. for information.

Yours,

Jan. 22.

H. 23
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I regret that any admission was made in our letter (40939) that we do not advocate any payment in excess of the Postal value of the service.

H. 24.1.12

Copy James Barclay & Co. 4/1

subsequent Paper
40939

J. Anderson.

Sir G. Fiddes thought that I had
 better show you the S. of B's minute on
 P.O. EAP. on your return.
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Do you wish anything to be done,
 e.g. a letter to the G.P.O. explaining
 that the opinion expressed in para. 5. of our
 letter of the 4th of Jan^y (on 40939) is
 based on the assumption ^{that it is} impossibility of
 existing at present ^{to get} a regular fortnightly
 contract service or regular calls at
 Hamou & Kismayu; and does not
 represent the opinion that the S. of B
 would hold if there were any prospect

of getting here on corresponding advice

WAB

Jan 31

Very well. But with so many demands
calling without subsidy and calling more
or less regard of the law for a subsidized
subsidy does not appear to be a strong
one unless we get something more than
hitherto.

W. Conson

at once

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Address reply to—"The Secretary, General Post Office,"
quoting Registered No. 201478

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GENERAL POST OFFICE
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GENERAL POST OFFICE

19 January 1912.

Sir,

I am directed by the Postmaster General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 4083/1911 of the 4th of this month on the subject of the Mail Service between Aden, Mompasa and Zanzibar and to say, for the information of the Secretary of State, that the summary of the facts given in paragraph 2 of your letter are, so far as his knowledge extends, correct. With regard to paragraph 3, however, I am to point out that power to require the Mail Packets to call at other ports between Aden and Zanzibar is specifically reserved to His Majesty's Government by the terms of the draft Contract with the British India Company; and on the representations of the Governor of British East Africa this Department enquired whether it was desired that regular calls should be made either at Lamu or Kisumu or at both these places. The Postmaster General does not consider that, because His Majesty's Government did not choose to avail itself of the powers thus conferred, the potential value of the provisions of the Contract ceased to exist.

As regards paragraph 4, what the Post Office has been getting from the Contract in addition to the mere conveyance of Mails is a service over which it has control as to times of sailing and speeds. It is fully agreed that this advantage is not worth the difference between the Contract payment

Under Secretary of State,

COLONIAL OFFICE.

payment of £9000 a year and the value at Postal Union Sea Transit rates of the service, estimated at £710 so far as Mails of British origin are concerned; and the Postmaster General notes that Mr. Harcourt, from his point of view, does not advocate any substantial payment in excess of the Postal value of the service if a fresh contract were to be made. Although Postal Union Sea Transit rates have been taken as a convenient measure for estimating the postal value of the service, the payment which would be made to the British India Company for the carriage of Mails for this Office, if there were no contract, would be made at ship letter rates, as at present is being done with the East African Service of the Union-Castle Company. The payment on this basis would probably not differ much from payment at Postal Union rates. Foreign Administrations would have to make their own arrangements with the British India Company if they desired to send mails by the Company's ships. There appears to be a probability, however, that the British India Company will not maintain a service from Aden to Mombasa and Zanzibar after the existing Contract expires.

Before taking any further steps the Postmaster General will consider whether a useful opening is not now given by the change of Management for a renewal of negotiations for a contract service by the East African Steamships of the Union Castle Company.

I am,

Sir,

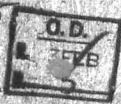
Your obedient Servant,

E. Frabb

G.P.O. East Africa

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See

6 Feb. 1912

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The Secretary,

Sir,

G.P.O.

I am directed by

MINUTE.

Mr. Butler. Feb. 1.

Mr. Secretary Harcourt to

Mr.

acknowledge the receipt

Mr. Fiddes. 2

Sir H. Just.

of your letter 7th.

Sir J. Anderson. 2

Lord Emmott.

201473 of the 19th of

Mr. Harcourt. Feb 2 1912

for constant

January relating to

See minutes on attached slip

the mail service between

this country and the

by of correspondence

British Protectorates

to Col. Comp. Lt.

in East Africa.

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2. Mr. Harcourt will await

await the result of
any further negotiations,
which the Postmaster
General may find it
possible to enter into for
a contract service by the
East Africa Steamships
of the Union-Castle
Company. In the meantime
he desires it to be
understood that the
expression of opinion
contained in the 5th
paragraph of the letter
from this office of the
4th of January is based
on the assumption that
it is at present
impossible to secure

(in G.P.O.
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a regular fortnightly
contract service or
regular calls at Lamu
and Kisumu, and
~~does not represent~~
~~the opinion which he~~
~~would hold.~~ If there were
a prospect of getting
these or equivalent
advantages, the
question of the amount of
the subsidy would present
a different aspect.

W. S.